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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## **Rapid City National Guard unit to deploy to Afghanistan**

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Army National Guard's Detachment 48, Operational Support Airlift Command, has received a mobilization order for deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Six members of the Rapid City-based unit are scheduled for deployment in May.

Detachment 48 is fixed-wing aviation unit comprised of pilots and operations specialists which operate the C-12 King Air. The unit provides airlift support for the National Guard, military departments and federal agencies as scheduled by the OSA Command. The unit's primary mission in theater will be providing aerial surveillance in support of ground commanders in the field.

The unit will report to Fort Bliss, Texas, to complete several weeks of theater-specific training prior to deployment overseas. This will be the third mobilization for Det. 48, which deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2008 and 2011-2012.

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